

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 6332**

LCO No. 5543

**AN ACT CONCERNING RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSPORTATION OF  
PASSENGERS BY YOUNG DRIVERS AND PARENT ATTENDANCE AT  
SAFE DRIVING INSTRUCTION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-36g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

3 (a) Each person who holds a motor vehicle operator's license issued  
4 on and after August 1, 2008, and who is sixteen or seventeen years of  
5 age shall comply with the following requirements:

6 (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, for the  
7 period of six months after the date of issuance of such license, such  
8 person shall not transport more than (A) such person's parents or legal  
9 guardian, at least one of whom holds a motor vehicle operator's  
10 license, or (B) one passenger who is a driving instructor licensed by the  
11 Department of Motor Vehicles, or a person twenty years of age or  
12 older who has been licensed to operate, for at least four years  
13 preceding the time of being transported, a motor vehicle of the same  
14 class as the motor vehicle being operated and who has not had his or  
15 her motor vehicle operator's license suspended by the commissioner  
16 during such four-year period;

17 (2) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, for the  
18 period beginning six months after the date of issuance of such license  
19 and ending one year after the date of issuance of such license, such  
20 person shall not transport any passenger other than as permitted  
21 under subdivision (1) of this subsection and any additional member or  
22 members of such person's immediate family;

23 (3) No such person shall operate any motor vehicle for which a  
24 public passenger endorsement, as defined in section 14-1, is required  
25 in accordance with the provisions of section 14-44 or a vanpool vehicle,  
26 as defined in section 14-1;

27 (4) No such person shall transport more passengers in a motor  
28 vehicle than the number of seat safety belts permanently installed in  
29 such motor vehicle;

30 (5) No such person issued a motorcycle endorsement shall transport  
31 any passenger on a motorcycle for a period of six months after the date  
32 of issuance; and

33 (6) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no such  
34 person shall operate a motor vehicle on any highway, as defined in  
35 section 14-1, at or after 11:00 p.m. until and including 5:00 a.m. of the  
36 following day unless (A) such person is traveling for his or her  
37 employment or school or religious activities, or (B) there is a medical  
38 necessity for such travel.

39 (b) A person who holds a motor vehicle operator's license and who  
40 is sixteen or seventeen years of age shall not be subject to the  
41 restrictions on the number or type of passengers specified in  
42 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of this section, or to the  
43 restrictions specified in subdivision (6) of said subsection (a), if such  
44 person is: An active member of a volunteer fire company or  
45 department, a volunteer ambulance service or company or an  
46 emergency medical service organization and such person is  
47 responding to, or returning from, an emergency or is carrying out such  
48 person's duties as such active member; or an assigned driver in a Safe

49 Ride program sponsored by the American Red Cross, the Boy Scouts of  
50 America or other national public service organization.

51 (c) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in  
52 accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of subsection  
53 (a) of this section. Such regulations may provide exceptions to the  
54 provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section for a  
55 single parent under the age of eighteen for the purposes of  
56 transporting the child of such parent to day care, child care and  
57 education facilities, medical appointments, and for such other  
58 purposes as may be determined by the commissioner.

59 (d) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this  
60 section shall be deemed to have committed an infraction. The  
61 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall suspend the motor vehicle  
62 operator's license of any person who violates the provisions of  
63 subsection (a) of this section for a period of thirty days for a first  
64 violation, and for a period of six months or until such person attains  
65 the age of eighteen years, whichever is longer, for a second violation.

66 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the provisions of  
67 this section in effect July 31, 2008, shall be applicable to any person  
68 who is sixteen or seventeen years of age and who has been issued a  
69 motor vehicle operator's license prior to August 1, 2008.

70 Sec. 2. Section 14-36j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
71 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

72 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall amend the  
73 regulations adopted pursuant to sections 14-36f and 14-78 concerning  
74 the content of safe driving instruction courses offered at drivers'  
75 schools, high schools and other secondary schools to require the eight  
76 hours of instruction required by such regulations to include, for  
77 applicants to whom a learner's permit or youth instruction permit is  
78 issued, two hours of instruction concerning the statutory provisions,  
79 including penalties, applicable to drivers who are less than eighteen  
80 years of age, the dangers of teenage driving, the cognitive

81 development of adolescents, the responsibilities and liabilities of  
82 parents of teenage drivers, and related topics deemed by the  
83 commissioner to be appropriate.

84 (b) A parent or guardian of any such applicant who is less than  
85 eighteen years of age and to whom a learner's permit or youth  
86 instruction permit is issued on or after August 1, 2008, [who is less  
87 than eighteen years of age,] shall attend such two hours of instruction  
88 with such applicant, except such parent or guardian is not required to  
89 attend such two hours of instruction more than one time in a three-  
90 year period. Before any such applicant is permitted to take the driver's  
91 test, such applicant shall provide an affidavit to the commissioner,  
92 signed under penalty of false statement, by an official of the driver's  
93 school, high school or other secondary school by which such course  
94 was conducted, that a parent or guardian attended the two hours of  
95 instruction required by subsection (a) of this section with such  
96 applicant.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-36g
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-36j